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Raising money for literacy

BY ED VEILLEUX

It's easy for students to joke about how they spend so much time in the J. N. Desmarais library, they might as well live there.

For Hannah Thompson and Sarah Williams, they will be experiencing the real thing.

For a week, the two Laurentian University students will be eating, sleeping and spending their waking hours inside the library, sleeping in a tent, to raise funds for literacy. The goal for Laurentian University is to raise \$4,000.

"I love books, it's a very personal motive," Williams, a second-year anthropology student, said. "I found that books were very helpful and fascinating as a child. To possibly give that experience to other children, who don't have access, is great.

Williams future tent-roommate agreed.

"It's an amazing cause," Thompson, a history student, said. "And since it's such a weird concept, to camp out, I think it grabs people's attention right away."

The two are allowed to attend their classes, but will have replacement campers filling in for them, collecting donations and raising awareness.

"Somewhere down the line, promoting literacy didn't seem right if we were truant," Thompson laughed.

Both soon-to-be tent-dwellers agree that Canadians take simple things like books for granted.

"It's a little bit of a struggle,"

Williams said. "We live in this developed country and we have so much. This little act of living in a library, where we don't have a shower, it's so miniscule. But, it's what we can do to put ourselves into the idea of the environment that these children have. They really don't have much at all."

The pair find it fitting to be spending their time in the library for the event.

"Since it's about literacy, sticking ourselves in a library," Williams begun. "There's a certain symbolic nature to it," Thompson finished for her.

The idea to take part started when Williams approached Thompson with the idea, during a bus ride to school.

The two met while taking a theatre class together, as a "random elective".

"I guess we're friends," Thompson joked, laughing with Williams.

While living in the tent, the two said they plan on dumbing down their diet and concentrating on homework to pass the time.

"We're going to be so ahead on our work," Thompson joked. "I'm praying people love me enough to bring me food."

Williams said she has five friends planning on stopping by with meals.

The live-in runs from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3. During the day, the two students will be out in front of the library, collecting donations and raising awareness. At night, they will be locked in the library.



Photo by Ed Veilleux

The volunteers for Live-in for Literacy hope to raise \$4,000 towards the national goal of \$27,000. The money will go towards building six libraries in India.

The Live-In for Literacy took a hiatus last year at Laurentian, but Julie Sabourin was a camper two years ago and has been mentoring this year's campers.

"The most difficult part was probably not having fresh air," Sabourin, a grad student in human kinetics, said.

She recalls people "being really surprised. They didn't believe I was sleeping in there. Back then, it was ten days, and I didn't go to classes, so it was a little bit different. It's a good experience."

Sabourin's best piece of advice to the duo is to "just have fun."

She jokes she has been sending motivational emails in the lead-up to the live-in.

Both campers are excited to take part in the experience.

"It's what I've been talking about and telling people about for weeks," Thompson said.

"I'm really excited for it to happen," Williams said. "I've never done anything like this before. I'm going to know the library like the back of my hand."

This is the second time the event has happened at Laurentian. The event began five years ago at Queen's University, and now boasts 10 universities who take part.

This year's national goal is \$27,000, which will be put towards building six libraries in India.

Laurentian is the smallest university participating.

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Council prioritizes school of architecture

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

The City of Greater Sudbury's city council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Marianne Matichuk to use Fednor and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund monies to Laurentian University's proposed school of architecture.

The motion states the School will be the city's top priority for said funds.

The city dedicated \$10 million of its own capital towards the construction of the new school in a unanimously approved motion in 2009, according to Laurentian President Dominic Giroux.

The new school is a necessity in Ontario, Giroux said.

"Although applications in Ontario universities for architecture have increased by 81 per cent in the past decade and the value of the non-residential construction sector has increased by 60 per cent

in constant dollars. The number of undergraduate spaces in architecture in Ontario has not increased during the same period," Giroux said.

"This explains why architecture is the non-health discipline in Ontario with the highest post-graduation employment rate after six months (98%) and why the creation of the Laurentian School of Architecture is supported by all 11 Canadian Schools of Architecture and by the Ontario Association of Architects."

According to CBC journalist Erik White's Twitter account, Matichuk's meeting with Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement brought on her motion.

Giroux also had a chat with Clement about the school on his last visit to Sudbury.

"During his recent visit on campus, minister Tony Clement and I had to opportunity to discuss the status and the

next steps related to the project," Giroux said. "The minister held an economic roundtable with local business leaders and they also articulated the project as a key driver of economic development."

Giroux also said MPP Rick Bartolucci has been supportive of the project.

The school of architecture will be the first to open in Canada in the last 40 years, according to a letter Giroux wrote to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on June 30, 2010.

Giroux said the school will help support Sudbury's efforts to revitalize the downtown, which is part of the city's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

"We want to support the community-based efforts in Greater Sudbury to revitalize the downtown core," Giroux said.

"The City of Greater Sudbury has already pledged \$10 million towards this

project.

Giroux said the building of the school also supports the Northern Growth Plan (which is a government plan for the economic future of the region.) Giroux is optimistic about the school, because of how far the proposal has come in such a short time.

"Last year, the province told us that the school of architecture was not a matter of 'if,' but a matter of 'when,' and that 'when' would be 2011," Giroux said.

"I am therefore optimistic that the necessary funding approvals will be secured by the spring."

Giroux states the new School will have 450 faculty, staff and students, and increase annual economic activity in the downtown core by an estimated \$15 million.

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We're trying to live up to the expectations and continue our forward momentum.

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Study sheds light on depression

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

A recent study in the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry on students with mental illnesses doesn't pull its punches.

The study, which was released on Jan. 10, 2011, warns that depression, and suicidal thoughts are relatively common among students.

"Nearly one in four university students attending health clinics in diverse regions of the United States and Canada reported depressive symptoms, and 1 in 10 reported suicidal ideation," the study states.

These figures are worse considering the study's next revelation. The study warns that this figure is high enough, but these numbers would be even higher if there were routine screenings for students.

"Although there is limited information on the frequency of routine screening in college health clinics, studies in primary care sites suggest that depression is under diagnosed and often missed," the study cautions.

Many of the students diagnosed with mental illnesses encounter their first battle with them in college or university.

"Many students experience their first psychiatric episode while at college, and 12%-18% of students have a diagnosable

mental illness," the study states.

"Studies suggest that the 15-21 age category has the highest past-year prevalence rate of mental illness at 39%."

The study points to the high depression and anxiety rates among undergraduate, and also graduate, students.

"Eisenberg, Gollust, Golberstein, and Hefner reported that the general prevalence of depression and anxiety is 16% among undergraduate students and 13% among graduate students," the study states.

The authors of the study are troubled by these findings due to the seriousness of depression on academic performance, and even the students' well being.

"Depression has long been associated with academic impairment," the study cautions.

"Depression may also lead to increased risk of self-injury, dropping out of or failing college, attempting or committing suicide, and other risky behaviours."

The study also warns about how depression and mental illness can harm students' finances.

"In addition, there is an association between feeling functionally impaired by depression in the past 12 months and accumulation of credit card debt among students," the study advises.

Tobacco usage, emotional abuse, and unwanted sexual encounters were all associated with screening positive for depression, according to the study.

The study urges universities and the government to consider routine-screenings of students for depression.

"This study supports the efficacy of routine screening for depression in all students seeking routine care in college health clinics as one component of a comprehensive campus health program," the study states.

The study also recommends students exercise more regularly.

"Our finding suggests that exercise may be protective and thus helps prevent the development of depression in college students," the study advises.

"While this is not a new finding, it does provide physicians with additional evidence to motivate students at risk for depression to exercise on a regular basis."

Ian Heft, instructional aide with the Counseling and Support Services, believes many students don't seek treatment for depression, because there is a stigma attached to it.

"Many people are afraid of seeming weak if they ask for help, but I've told many friends that you can't be strong without once

having been weak, in the same way you can't be brave if you've never been afraid," Heft says.

"It's about having once been a certain way and becoming something new, not about never having been something else in the first place."

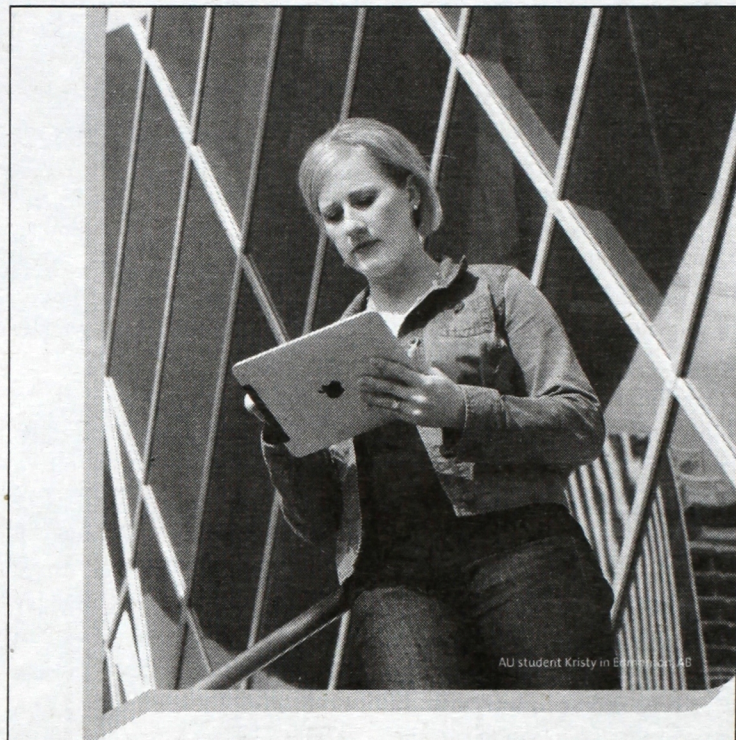
Heft feels it is important for other students to understand that depression is a physical problem, as well as a mental one.

"The thing to remember about depression, and many

other disorders, is that they are caused by chemical imbalances in the brain," Heft says.

Students who feel they may be struggling with depressive symptoms are asked to visit the Counseling and Support Programs Office at room L-210 in the Parker Building on campus. They can also be reached by phone at 705-675-1151 ext. 3211.

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AU student Kristy in Broomfield AB

SGA Charity Ball for literacy

This year the Laurentian University Students' General Association is donating all proceeds from their annual Charity Ball to Live-in for Literacy.

"Bollywood" themed, this year's SGA Charity Ball pays a nod to the building of libraries and reading rooms in India. In the past 11 years all proceeds from the SGA Charity Ball have gone to Maison La Paix, Northern Ontario's only AIDS Hospice, raising over \$20,000.00. Notably this year, the SGA has chosen to support a Laurentian University initiative reaching overseas.

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Breaking down awards

BY ROB HOWELL

With the Golden Globes in the bag and the Oscars on the way its time we take a look at the movies vying for those shiny pieces of statuary. Though Social Network took the Globes with best music (Anyone else enjoy seeing Trent Reznor in a suit hoping people won't notice he's in Nine Inch Nails), director, and best film (drama).

Albiet the film itself was a pretty amazing work and I look forward to Finchers take on "Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" coming later this year. Though Network cleaned up at the globes this week we're looking at the two movies I think are going to make the strongest bids for the Oscars and luckily for us they've both debuted at Silver City, Black Swan and The Kings Speech.

Black Swan comes from directorial genius Darren Aronofsky, who I have a personal bias towards due to being a fan of his work. Even with this bias though Swan is not a perfect film. Its strong points come mainly from Aronofsky's vision in the

film, and the strength of its main actress Natalie Portman.

Portman is amazing as Nina, a disturbed ballerina attempting to overcome the mental damage caused by playing the lead role in Swan Lake while also being haunted by her understudy (Mila Kunis) who may or may not be gunning for Ninas place in the show.

Mixing in this powerful acting with the disturbing dream like imagery that Aranofsky is known for. The issue of this movie comes from Aronoskys last run at the Oscars The Wrestler, the movie watches like a sister film, Nina being a more feminine version of Randy the Ram the eponymous wrestler.

Though being similar to an amazing piece of film the issue is that it just comes off to soon, though the film itself is an amazing piece of cinema and will most likely make a very strong attempt for best film and arguably deserves best actress and best supporting actress for Portman and Kunis.

The real issue to come from

this though is if Aronofsky is digging for Oscar gold here, with the critical success of the wrestler spurring him onto going into Black Swan. Though that is a thought the film should be accepted on its own merits not only a a good film but one deserving any awards it gets.

King's Speech exists as one of those rare movies, Oscar bait that doesn't feel like Oscar bait. With a powerful cast headed up by Colin Firth as Prince Albert/King George VI it takes a look at the real life issues surrounding the British monarchy at the onset of the second world war specifically those of Prince Albert, a stutterer who was forced onto the throne after his brother abdicates to marry an American divorcee.

Framing this story are his visits and friendship with his speech therapist Lionel Logue played perfectly by Geoffery Rush. The film is the breakout British film this year much like last years An Education and much like Education it has a predictable plot but hold you every moment of the film. Colin Firth demands

the screen in one of the most powerful performances of the year for which he has earned more than a few accolade and with more to come as award season continues. Rush is not left as second fiddle though as he puts out an equally amazing job as the failed actor turned speech therapist Logue, Even Helena Bonham Carter as Queen Victoria brings out an amazing performance in a style she hasn't been seen in in mainstream film for a long time.

With both films available to Laurentian students this week I would recommend both. Black Swan is an amazing piece of modern film and no one should miss a chance to see any of Aronofsky's work on the big screen while The Kings Speech is a picture perfect piece of British cinema that is a must see for just about anyone. With awards season coming up though expect both to pull in multiple awards though I personally believe that The Kings Speech will be the one taking away the best picture awards.

Thorneloe goes Italian

BY CALLAM RODYA

Le Maschere Laurenziane, Laurentian University's (LU) Italian department, is planning its 19th annual production.

From Feb. 4 to 6, students will perform Nozze all'arrabbiata. The play, written by LU Italian professors Diana Iuele-Colilli and Christine Sansalone, is about a young Italian-Canadian and Canadian wedding.

Set in present-day Greater Sudbury, the production follows a couple as they struggle with parental input in planning their big day.

Nozze all'arrabbiata will be on the stage at Thorneloe Theatre on Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children, and are available at the Caruso Club, D & A Fine Meats and Laurentian University. For more information, phone 705-675-1151 ext. 4336.

Megamind review

BY ROB HOWELL

For those who missed it at Silver City, and for those who loved it the first time, Megamind is now doing a third run at Rainbow Cinema. From its advertising, Megamind seemed to be the story of a failure of a super-villain known as Megamind (Will Farrell) as he battles it out with the superman knock-off hero Metroman (Brad Pitt). Surprisingly the plot actually follows Megamind's depression and quest to create reason for his life after finally defeating Metroman in the early minutes of the film.

Though the surprising introduction adds a lot to the film, it really is a rehashing of other recent animated films. The idea of a sympathetic villain was done well in Megamind, but pales when compared to this years Despicable Me and few animated super hero tales are able to match up with the smash hit that was Pixars Incredibles. Instead Megamind stands strong on, to quote the titular character, "Presentation". The movie presents itself as a slick, slapstick, love story, backed up with mind blowing visuals, a very respectable use of 3d animation, clever comic book references (Jonah Hills character Hal Stewarts name being a composite of Green Lantern

characters, while the movie also riffs on Marlon Brandos appearance in Superman.) and excellent performances by the entire cast.

The Cast itself is one of the most surprising elements of the film. Farrell is not really known for having characters slump into believable depressions, but as Megamind he comes off as not only a loveable loser, but a really interesting take on Silver Age comic book mad scientist villains (Think Lex Luthor stealing cakes evil). Pitts voice acting has just the right amount of sarcasm and mugging as Metroman, while Tina Fey is strong as the stereotypical "reporter/love interest". The only weakness in characters coming from Jonah Hill as Hal Stewart/Tighten. His character goes through massive changes throughout the movie, but the whole time he just seems to sound like Jonah Hill the whole time instead of an obsessive stalker nerd.

Megamind was a strong addition to the Dreamworks Animated family, and may have been one of the strongest to date, but suffers from rehashing some older ideas, as well as being release in the same year as Despicable Me, Toy Story 3, and Dreamworks real blockbuster 3D animation How to Train Your Dragon.



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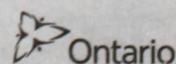
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Chris Mercer is Captain America

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

Here at the Lambda we take journalism seriously. However, we also understand the need for fun and more humour in our lives. People are often too serious and need to lighten up a little. With that in mind, and with written support from Marvel Comics, we would like to introduce our new series: Staff as Superheroes.

In this section we will take a random staff member, or professor, and compare them to a superhero. This section is not meant to be taken seriously, and is done with humorous intent.

We're talking about the Dolph Lundgren-esque (think Ivan Drago from the Rocky series), tall, built, blonde hair; Steve Rogers.

Without further adieu, we've chosen Chris Mercer, the chief of staff, as the first staff member to be superhero-ized. Chris Mercer is Captain America. Those who know Chris will understand the reference, and I hope my explanation will argue the point for those who don't know him.

There are several reasons Mercer was compared to Captain

America. First off, he sort of resembles him. When I speak of Captain America, I'm referring to the classic Steve Rogers Captain America, not the John Walker (yes, sort of like the whiskey), or the "Bucky" Captain America we currently have. We're talking about the Dolph Lundgren-esque (think Ivan Drago from the Rocky series), tall, built, blonde hair; Steve Rogers.

Mercer fits the bill.

He is athletically-gifted, keeps in shape, and oozes boyish charm. Mercer is well-respected by colleagues and professionals from other fields, much like Rogers is across the Marvel universe.

Speaking of personality qualities, like Captain America, he is a natural leader. He is cool and collected under pressure. He knows the situation at all times, and is able to make adjustments on the fly if the plan wanes. I've watched him at several Laurentian University events, and he is always in charge. He is modest, but able to take charge in a heartbeat. These qualities are all witnessed in Captain America, although he's a bit louder because of the nature of his job. Rest assured, if Chris was leading a team of super-powered crime fighters, he'd be a bit louder too.

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Steve Rogers in his new role as the Commander of SHIELD (above). Captain America blocks a rain of bullets (below).

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Wolves refuse to stay down; remain in playoff spot

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

To say the Sudbury Wolves have been hot lately is an understatement. Not only have they clawed their way into the playoff hunt, they have also managed to be one of the strongest teams in the league over their last ten games.

This weekend was the pinnacle of success for the Wolves. They came away with five of a possible six points from the weekend, which included two road games. The boys beat the lowly Barrie Colts on Friday at home, then lost in a shootout to the third-place Niagara IceDogs Saturday in Niagara, and beat the sixth-place Brampton Battalion Sunday on the road.

The biggest story of the weekend was Alain Valiquette's stellar goaltending. Valiquette faced 114 shots in the three games, only allowing seven goals for a save percentage of .938.

Valiquette has had a break-out season. Statistics alone can not tell the story of how remarkable his play has been. In fact, stats will mislead you in his case. His goals against average is a not-so-sexy 3.70. Out of 41 games played, he has won 17. However, these stats need to be put in perspective.

Sudbury is a losing team this season. The team has 17 wins in 45 games. The team also has a goal difference of -43. It's more important to focus on a few critical stats from Valiquette.

Valiquette is tied for second place in the league in shots faced with 1324 shots against. He is tied for third with 41 games played. He is tied for eighth with 17 victories. 17 victories puts him in a tie with Canada World Junior starting goalie Mark Visentin, and one ahead of American World Junior starting goalie Jack Campbell.

Anyone who has had the opportunity to watch Valiquette in action can attest to the fact that he gives the Wolves a chance to win on a nightly basis.

It's not just the goaltending that has been solid for the Wolves lately. The team gets consistent contributions from captain Marcus Foligno, Mike Lomas, and Michael MacDonald, who average around a point-per-game. The Wolves have also been fortunate enough to benefit from the recent return of veteran Eric O'Dell, who has contributed 15 points in 16 games since returning from injury.

Aside from that good news, the Wolves have also received



Photo by Andy Veilleux

Mike Lomas gets up after a hard collision into the boards in OHL action against the Barrie Colts Friday, Jan. 21, 2011.

stronger play from forward Andrey Kuchin. Kuchin had posted a lowly nine points in the first 29 games of the season. Since then, Kuchin has posted 10 points in 12 games. Defenseman Josh McFadden has contributed 40 points in 44 games also. 17-year old defenseman Frank Corrado has also chipped in 21 points in 44 games for the Wolves.

The most impressive

emergence this season was that of newly-acquired forward Michael Sgarbossa. Sgarbossa was part of a package deal that sent out Ben Chiarot and John McFarland. Sgarbossa has potted 16 goals in 15 games played, while also contributing nine assists. That is more points than both players mentioned combined for this season in their 47 combined games with the Wolves. He has

been the Wolves' most dangerous offensive weapon since coming on board, and his addition was a stellar one.

The Wolves have made a resurgence in the last 10 games. They have earned 13 of a possible 20 points in the span. They are the second-hottest team, tied with the East-leading Mississauga St. Michael's Majors. The only team hotter is Niagara IceDogs, who have won seven of their last 10. As you will recall, the Wolves took the IceDogs to a shootout this weekend. The Wolves also managed to beat the Majors 6-5 on Jan. 8, even with the Majors' pick-up of Russian sniper Maxim Kitsyn.

While I am not about to suggest the Wolves on a warpath that will lead them to the Memorial Cup, I will suggest that they should not be counted out so early. The Wolves are finally healthy, and finally look like they have found their chemistry. Add in the fact that Valiquette is on top of his game, and the Wolves are looking like they could have a shot of making a decent playoff run.

Don't expect a miracle, but don't be too eager to count the Wolves out either.

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Laurentian bball recap

BY ANDY VEILLEUX

The Lady Vees split their weekend Ottawa trip, losing to the Carleton Ravens 61-46 on Friday, before beating the Ottawa Gee-Gees 75-67 on Saturday.

The Ravens (12-2), who are currently ranked fourth in the country, outscored the Lady Vees by 15 points in the second quarter, giving them a 20 point lead going into the second half. The Lady Vees (4-11) outscored the Ravens by five points in the second half, but it was not enough to close the gap.

The Lady Vees were led by Katie Goggins, who shot 50% from the field to net 17 points, and Lisa Furchner, who added 14 points.

The Lady Vees required overtime in order to down the Gee-Gees. The Lady Vees were up by three points with six seconds left in the game, when Ottawa's Kim Cupid drained her shot from beyond the arc to tie the game.

The Lady Vees dominated the extra frame, outscoring their opponents 14-6.

The Lady Vees were led by Lisa Furchner, who put up a career-high 32 points and 14 rebounds in the victory, and Erin Simpson, who added 17 points and 6 rebounds. Rebecca Goodier added 12 points and eight assists.

Clarke felt the win showed the progress his team has been making.

"It was just what we needed as a team and we're making progress all the time, which is really exciting," Clarke says. "We

got out there tonight and went into overtime, playing with just enough left in the tank to get a great road win."

The Lady Vees are on the road again this upcoming weekend, where they will face Ryerson on Jan. 28 and Toronto on Jan. 29.

The Voyageurs were less fortunate this weekend. The Voyageurs were pummeled Friday by the Carleton Ravens, who are ranked first nationally, by a score of 111-63, and also lost to the Ottawa Gee-Gees Saturday 87-84.

Isiah Pasquale led the Voyageurs with 14 points and 4 rebounds, while rookie Eric Ducharme netted 12 points in the loss.

Saturday's game against Ottawa (6-8) went better for the boys, but still ended in disappointment. The Voyageurs held a five-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but could not hold on.

Mike Hull led the Voyageurs with 24 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Manny Pasquale added 19 points and six assists, while Georges Serresse added 17 points and five rebounds in the close loss.

Swords was pleased with his team.

"It was a good team effort and [we] just couldn't close it in the end," Swords says.

The Voyageurs will face Ryerson and Toronto next weekend, on Jan. 28 and Jan. 29 respectively.

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Laurentian intramural news

People who make it happen

BY MEGAN TEBOGT

Andrew Kacsor and Brendan Tracey are two of the second year Sport and Physical Education convenors for the Program Organization class here at Laurentian University. The indoor Ultimate Frisbee event is new to Laurentian University and thanks to Brendan and Andrew and the efforts they put into planning and publicity the event was a huge success.

Both have a strong background in athletics and have been involved in hockey, golf, football, track and field and basketball to name a few. Andrew and Brendan both aspire to be high school physical education teachers upon graduation. Brendan also hopes to coach competitive football. Currently, Andrew is on the School of Human Kinetics Student Association as the Battle of the Best representative.

When asked what their favorite part of Ultimate Frisbee was, Andrew said that working with Brendan was the highlight for him. Brendan said, "My favorite part was finding out how many unreal plays can be made in the sport. We don't have any Ultimate leagues in my area and I was blown away by some of the throws and catches that were made. Every night turned into a highlight reel." The Department of Active Living could not have done it without the enthusiasm, and efforts of Andrew and Brendan! Thank you!

Laurentian University Super Splash

BY MEGAN TEBOGT

There is a new event happening at Laurentian University... Intramural Super Splash! This competition consists of cardboard boat races across the Jenő Thyani pool. The goal of the race is to be the first team to paddle their homemade boat made out of cardboard and duct tape 100m. There will be various judges looking for the most creative boat, best dressed crew, and best cheer. The Department of Active Living is excited to see the enthusiasm and creativity of Laurentian Students.

On this day we are also looking for support from fans. The Department of Active Living would like to give back to the Laurentian community in any way possible so we are asking spectators to bring in cans for the Laurentian University food bank. The day of the event is February 4 from 1pm-3pm. Come out and enjoy an entertaining afternoon with us. We look forward to creative boats, and intense competition!

Women in Intramural Sport at Laurentian University

BY EMILY JONES

Involvement in sport for females is beneficial in many

ways. Shedding off the extra pounds such as the freshman fifteen, or the Christmas pig-out is always in the back of female's minds, and being physically active is a great way to do it! Being able to compete and play with and against friends and peers, being social and being involved is the best way to become physically active. Being social is part of a women's vocabulary, and it is so important to be able to enjoy one's self with friends and peers outside of the classroom, and even sometimes to get out of residence and the house. By getting involved in Intramural sports, females can interact with each other on a whole other level and in a different atmosphere. New and lasting friendships are created and enhanced while being in this environment together. This is because it is a different way for females to bond and interact with each other in a new and healthy setting.

There are many successful female athletes, even at your own school. Who knows, maybe you could be next! So, grab your friends and come out and participate in the Laurentian University Intramural Sports Program. Where you are guaranteed to be involved in fitness, friendship and fun!

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Yves Engler's tour hits LU

BY SHAILAGH KEANEY

Yves Engler, activist and author, visited Laurentian University last Thursday as part of his book tour for his most recent publication: *Canada and Israel: Building Apartheid*. The first of his two talks entailed a salient analysis of what led to Canada losing its seat at the UN Security Council last November.

Engler's talk opened with a laundry list of what Canada has recently done to lose favour in the eyes of the international community.

According to the author, the government has refused to sign the Rotterdam Convention regarding international trade of hazardous chemicals, refused to sign the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, opposed international calls to declare water a basic human right, and has been accused of blocking progress on climate negotiations.

According to Engler, this hard-line position of the Canadian government is mirrored in its militarization of aid. Aid moneys going to Haiti, for example, have materialized in the form of 2,000 troops "at a time when people needed access to water, shelter

and food," Engler said.

International political extremism and diplomatic militarization also characterize Canada's relationship with Israel. This was the main topic of Engler's second talk: "Has Harper made Canada the most Israeli-Friendly Country in the World?"

According to Israel's Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, this is exactly the case. "It's hard to find a country friendlier to Israel than Canada these days," Lieberman said in an interview in 2009.

Engler pointed out that this comes from a man whose party has advocated for the expulsion of Palestinians from their lands. The irony was not lost on the crowd when Engler pointed out that Lieberman migrated to Israel when he was 20 years old.

Among Canada's shows of "friendship," Engler counted Canada's uncritical support for Israel during the 22-day siege on Gaza that began in December 2008. The death toll of Israeli soldiers was 14, and the death toll of Palestinians was 1,300. "That is a one-hundred-to-one ratio. When we talk about that siege, we have to situate it in

context" Engler emphasized, adding that the vast majority of Palestinian deaths were civilians, most of whom were women and children. Canada's was the only UN government to vote against a resolution demanding that Israel end its bombardment of the Gaza Strip.

Canada's tacit support for Zionism (the establishment of a Jewish nation) is not new, with its roots dating from before partition. Henry Wentworth Monk, a Canadian businessman and Christian Zionist, campaigned to raise money with the purpose of purchasing Palestinian lands for Jewish use in 1881. Lester B. Pearson, former Canadian Prime Minister, supported the 1947 partition plan that would draw Israel's borders through Palestine. Pearson himself admitted that Canadian media showed "the Israeli side of things," a tendency that has continued to the present day.

Engler's book examines Canada's diplomatic and military ties with Israel, elaborating on Canada's foreign policy and "peacekeeping." His books are available for sale at yvesengler.com.

RIP Former Huntington University President: Letter

With great sadness, Huntington University announces the passing of a dear friend, The Rev. Dr. Ludo Winckel. An active leader in community organizations and higher education throughout his lifetime, The Rev. Dr. Winckel was appointed Huntington University's fourth president in 1972 and served until 1989, the longest tenure in the University's history.

"The Rev. Dr. Winckel was among the most vigorous and successful proponents of higher education in Northern Ontario. He made enormous contributions to Huntington University in that and many other ways," says Dr. Kevin McCormick, President and Vice-Chancellor of Huntington University. He adds, "On behalf of the Huntington University community, I wish to extend my condolences to the family, friends and former colleagues of The Rev. Dr. Winckel."

The Chancellor of Huntington University, Dr. Edward J. Conroy also paid tribute saying, "As former President of Huntington University, The Rev. Dr. Winckel was a respected figure, whose presidency saw tremendous growth of the university. He adds, "The Rev. Dr. Winckel will be remembered with enormous esteem by everyone in the university and with great affection by all who worked with him closely".

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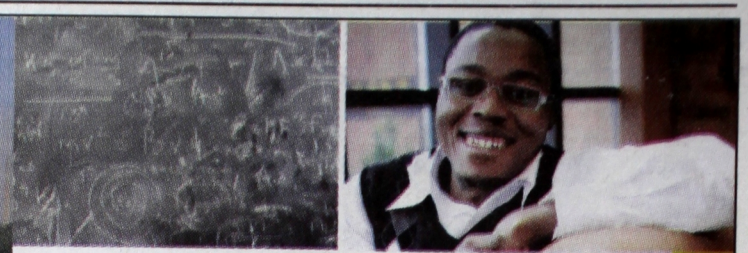
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History of beer event

The Laurentian History Society is proud to host its annual History of Beer event. Come and join us for a "Brew-Ha-Ha" of an evening of beer tasting at La Fromagerie on Elgin.

Date: February 4, 2011 (Friday)

Location: La Fromagerie on Elgin, 5 Cedar St., Downtown

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10

p.m.

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Available for purchase at the SGA Office, the History Office, La Fromagerie or contact laurentianhistorysociety@gmail.com

Note: This is an aged event, identity required for entry.

SGA Winter Carnival 2011

-Tuesday, February 8th

2:00-5:00 pm - Outdoor sports

- Winter volleyball (Field by Ben Avery)

- Mini-stick hockey pick-up game (Behind bowling alley)

5:30 pm SHUTTLE from Ben Avery to Parker, and return

5:45 pm SHUTTLE from Ben Avery to Parker

6:00-8:00 pm - Comedy Contest/ Movie (student center)

8:00-10:00 pm - \$5.99 Perogies and a Pop (Great Hall)

10:00-12:00 pm - Hot chocolate and marshmallow roast (teepee fire pit)

Thursday, February 10th
Daytime - Games hosted by Clubs

7:00 pm - Planetarium

8:00-11:00 pm - Grub in the Pub

10:40 pm SHUTTLE from Parker to Ben Avery; and return

10:55 pm SHUTTLE from Parker to Ben Avery

11:00 pm -12:30 am - Midnight

Swim @ Ben Avery

12:30 am SHUTTLE from Ben Avery to parking lots/bus stops

Friday, February 11th

7:30 pm, Fraser Auditorium

Heads vs. Feds: The Debate to Legalize Marijuana

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\$5 tickets at the SGA - door tickets may or may not be available.